

Abstract of the Disclosure

A motor vehicle door lock with latching elements, such as a latch and a ratchet and with a lock mechanism. The lock mechanism has a drive, the drive having a drive motor, or the like, and an actuating element. The ratchet can be raised by the drive, so that the ratchet moves into an action area of the drive, such that continued motion of the drive is blocked by the ratchet. Thus, the drive can be turned off in a blocking operation. The ratchet, viewed in the kinematic chain from the drive motor to the actuating element, is engaged to the drive for blocking in front of the actuating element but not on the actuating element.